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SUBJ: CSCE: DISCUSSION OF STAGE III TIMING AT JUNE  $26\,$ 

COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: GENEVA 4864

1. DISCUSSION OF STAGE III TIMING AT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING ON JUNE 26 DEVELOPED AS EXPECTED (REFTEL). SOVIETS, MOST WARSAW PACT ALLIES AND SEVERAL NEUTRAL DELEGATIONS MADE STRONG PITCH FOR IMMEDIATE DECISION ON SPECIFIC DATE. SOVIETS INITIALLY PROPOSED JUNE 22, BUT LATER ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH SUGGESTION OF SEVERAL OTHER WARSAW PACT DELEGATIONS THAT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST 10 DAYS OF JULY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR PROPOSED JULY 28 IN SUPPORT OF STRONG PRESENTATION FROM THE FINNISH AMBASSADOR WHO CALLED FOR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFICULT ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD FACE HIS GOVERNMENT IF A DECISION WERE NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY.

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2. NATO REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED BELIEF IN "DESIRABILITY

AND FEASIBILITY" OF HOLDING STAGE III BEFORE END OF JULY, BUT ARGUED THAT NEED TO SOLVE NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES MADE FIRM DECISION IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME. THIS POSITION WAS SUPPORTED BY YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA, AMONG OTHERS. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTED LIST OF ISSUES, LACK OF SOLUTION OF WHICH HE FELT PRECLUDED DECISION ON DATE. STRONG PRESENTATIONS WERE ALSO MADE BY THE TURKISH, MALTESE AND SPANISH DELEGATES WHO STRESSED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE PUSHED INTO DECISION ON STAGE III.

3. DISCUSSION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EXPRESSIONS OF DETERMINATION BY ALL DELEGATIONS TO SPEED UP WORK OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO COOPERATE IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO REMAINING OPEN ISSUES. FINNISH AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT FURTHER SESSION OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW, JUNE 27. HE SAID THAT DESPITE UNWILLINGNESS OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS TO REACH DECISION NOW ON DATE FOR STAGE III, THE POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT AS HOST FOR THE SUMMIT WOULD REQUIRE HIM TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER AT THAT SESSION.

4. COMMENT: WITH SEVERAL EASTERN AND NEUTRAL DELEGATIONS PUSHING HARD FOR DECISION ON DATE FOR STAGE III, NATO REPRESENTATIVES WENT ABOUT AS FAR AS THEY COULD IN ACCEPTING PRINICIPLE OF JULY SUMMIT WITHOUT ACTUALLY AGREEING TO A SPECIFIC DATE. WE EXPECT PRESSURE FOR DECISION TO CONTINUE AND BELIEVE A CONSENSUS WILL GRADUALLY EMERGE AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL.DALE

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